GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3552
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2008
SEAPLANE SERVICES FOR ISLANDS
Deora Shri Milind Murli

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce special Seaplane services for Lakshadweep Islands on the line of the Maldives Air Taxi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes same facility for the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the facility proposed to be introduced among the Islands?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd (PHHL) is examining the option to operate seaplane services in Lakshadweep Islands.

(b):- Modalities are being examined in consultation with Lakshadweep Administration. Government has also relaxed the Foreign Direct Investment norms recently for Seaplane services to 100% in order to encourage investment in this sector.

(c):- No Sir.

(d) and (e):- Do not arise.